

The Caledonian Mercury.

Edinburgh, Monday, April 21, 1729.

From *Fog's Weekly Journal*, April 12.

OUR Advices from the North take notice of the Military Preparations which the Russians are making about Riga; Magazines are storing, and 'tis said that Tents are making, as if a Campaign was intended. These Appearances don't much flatter us with a Prospect of Peace; considering the present good Understanding betwixt the Courts of Russia and Vienna. 'Tis talk'd also, that the D. of Holstein is shortly to return to the Court of Russia; That Resolutions are taken for increasing their Naval Power more and more, and that such new Privileges are given to the Town of Archangel, as will in all Probability greatly increase its foreign Trade.

Several Pieces of the Stone call'd *Asbestos*, found in Siberia, have been sent to the Virtuosi in Moscow; 'tis said to be the same of which the Romans made the Linen, in which dead Bodies were laid in order to be burnt. 'Tis said to be laid in Water, after which it may be drawn into Thread, and work into fine Linen. 'Tis said the Grand Seigneur has every Year 2 Shirts made of this Linen; and that the way of washing them (if we may be allowed the Expression) is to set them on Fire, and let them burn red hot, after which they grow white and clean, but do not consume.

From Rome we learn, that an Express arrived there from Bologna to the Chevalier de St. George, dispatched by his Spouse the Princess Sobieski, acquainting him, that their 2d Son is fallen ill, and that the Physicians take it to be the Small Pox.

Our Advices from Holland take Notice, that a Squadron of Men of War is sitting out, which they say is designed for the Baltick to protect the Trade of the States. If so, there must be some Reasons for it more than appear at present, for the Republic of late has been very cautious of running into unnecessary Expence.

London, April 12. We are told from Epping, That the Gentlemen Collectors of the Roads begin

to use Military Discipline upon the Stage Coachmen, because their Passengers don't carry more Money; and that they beat two or three of them this Week for this Misdemeanour. The Coachmen complain of these Proceedings as arbitrary and tyrannical, alledging in their Excuse, that where Money is not, even *Bob Booty* himself (Captain of the King) cannot have it.

By our Accounts from Cornwall, the Tinnmen, who rise for Hunger, are dispersed and gone home, to mend their Kettles; which will be very useful to them in case they should get any thing to eat.

From the *Evening Post*, April 12.

Extra^t of a Letter from Moscow, March 19.

Nothing can possibly be added to the Noble Education given to our Monarch, nor to the almost incredible Progress he makes in his Studies and Exercises; attaining Languages with extraordinary Facility. His Tutors are above all things most attentive not to give him any of these Impressions which generally characterize Princes, declining to borrow any of the National Maxims, except such as are entirely divested of the primitive Barbarian Unpoliteness. His Imperial Majesty's Return to Petersburg is yet very uncertain, the important Affairs which have required his Presence here being not yet terminated, nor even in any Forwardness. Mean while he is applying himself to the Art of War, wherein he extremely delights, taking great Pleasure in reviewing his Troops; and in knowing all that belongs to Artillery and Fortification.

Hamburg, April 15. They write from Petersburg, that they had received Orders to augment the Number of Seamen to 12000; whence they concluded, that the Fleet would certainly put to Sea this Summer.

Letters from Dresden import, that his Polish Majesty was to set out thence for Warsaw the Day the Letters came away, in order to open the General Diet.

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From the Whitehall Evening Post, April 21.

Amsterdam, April 18. 'Tis advised from Dantzick, that the Russians had marked out a Camp near Riga for 24,000 Men.

From Hanover, that Orders were given for 26 Battalions and 24 Squadrons to hold themselves ready to march towards the End of May, and form a Camp near that City.

Admiral Somersdike is to command the 12 Men of War which are fitting out for the Baltick.

On Thursday great Proof was made in the Warren at Woolwich, of several new-cast Cannons and Mortars, before the Officers of the Ordnance.

Portsmouth, April 9. Remain at Spithead the *Kent*, *Adownmouth*, *Dreadnought*, *Kingston* and *Falkland*. In the Harbour is Admiral Balchen's Ship, the *Princess Amelia*, with a white Flag at her Mizzen-Top Mast, with the *Royal Oak* and *Lyon*, which three are near ready to sail out; also remain the *Kinsale*, *Oxford*, *Berwick* and *Portland*. We hear and hope that his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales designs to be here the Beginning of next Month.

Last Night Orders were given for a Commission to be prepar'd for Sir Charles Wager to take upon him the Command of a Squadron of his Majesty's Ships of War, design'd for the Mediterranean; and we hear Sir Charles Wager will hoist his Flag on board the *Cornwall*.

Wye's Letter verbatim, London, April 15.

Since our last arrived a Dutch Mail, and one from France.

THE Impress for Seamen to mann the Men of War designed for foreign Service still continues to be carried on with great Warmth; they talk of about 50 that were prest last Sunday in St. James's Park and at Fulham; and that several others were taken up as they came out of some of the Churches of this City upon Information that they were Sailors: Mean time the Report which has been raised, from a Supposition that the Spaniards having a great Number of Men of War at Cadiz, and Land Forces lying in those Parts, would take the Opportunity of renewing the Siege of Gibraltar, appears to be groundless; for last Sunday the Lords of the Admiralty received a Pacquet from Admiral Cavendish at Gibraltar, which was brought

the Tuesday before to Plymouth by the *Experiment* Man of War; from whence she made her Passage in 17 Days, and left the Garrison in good Health and adds, that all was quiet there, and the Fortifications in fine Order, and that the Governor was continually carrying on new ones; and that several Men of War ly in the Port, so that they were under little or no Apprehensions from the Spaniards, who 'tis remarked, have still a Centinel very little more than a Cannon Shot from the Garrison.

The Letters from Paris by the Holland Mail gave an Account, that all the Plenipotentiaries who were there, would very speedily set out for Soissons, and it was reported that Marshall Villars would go thither in Quality of his most Christian Majesty's first Plenipotentiary, in Room of Cardinal de Fleury.

All Barbary is again in the utmost Confusion: The Letters from Tetuan advising, that the Emperor Muley Hamet Debi had caused his Brother Muley Abdemeleck to be put to Death in a very cruel Manner; and that two Days after, himself was found dead in his Apartment, having as is supposed been poisoned: That the Blacks to the Number of 80,000, were as Masters of the Realm, and designed to elect a new Emperor; and on the other hand, the People of Fez and Morocco designed to set another on the Throne. And from Vienna they tell us, that it was reported there that the Grand Seigneur was dead at Constantinople.

Yesterday the Right Honourable the Earl Ferrers died at his House in Clerksstreet: He is succeeded in Honour and Estate by his Brother, the Right Hon. Robert Fairly Esq; Member of Parliament for Stamford: And by the Post Yesterday from Leominster we are informed, that the Earl Coningsby lies dangerously ill at his Seat at Hampton Court near that Place, and being in an advanced Age, there was little Hopes of his Recovery. Several Bills are ready to be laid before the Grand Jury at the Old-Baily, against Bambrige the Warden of the Fleet. We are told amongst the Barbarities discovered in one of the Prisons in Southwark, is, that in order to extort Money from the poor Prisoners, they made Use of an Iron Instrument, which encompassing the Head, it sometimes screwed together so close, till Blood issues from the Nose

Nose and Mouth.

Last Night died the Reverend Dr. Trumnell, Dean of Winchester.

The King of Spain does not very well digest the News of the Sea Armaments that are making in Great Britain; and 'tis reported, that according to some private Letters by the French Mail, he refuses to pay the promised Subsidies to the Emperor, who in case of a maritime War can do him no Service: The Truth of which Report we must leave to Time to discover. Mean while Stocks are risen, S. S. to 98.

This Day the House of Peers ordered the Lords to be summoned upon the 2d Reading the Bill to prevent Bribery and Corruption in Elections.

From the London Evening-Post, April 15.

Bologna, April 3. The 2d Son of the Chevalier de St. George has been ill of a Fever, but is now much better since his having been let blood. His Mother the Princess Clementine Sobieski, has dispatched an Express to Rome to carry the News of his Recovery to the Chevalier de St. George her Husband, and at the same time to let him know, that she is preparing to come to him with all her Family. On the 31st past the Cardinal Legate made a Visit to that Princess, on occasion of her approaching Departure. The Duke of Hamilton and Brandon is set out for Naples.

Vienna, April 9. 'Tis reported that the Grand Signor is dead at Constantinople.

London, April 15. On Thursday Morning next the Earl of Buchan sets out for Scotland, by his Majesty's Command, to execute a Commission there.

From the Whitehall Evening Post, April 15.

Vienna, April 9. The Duke of Lorain goes suddenly to Luneville, to take Possession of his Estate, and to give necessary Directions for the Government of his Dutchy; after which his R. Highness will return hither, and soon after his Return, his Marriage with the Archduchess's eldest Daughter of the Emperor, will be declared.

London, April 15. Tomorrow the Earl of Londondown sets out from his House in Privy Garden, Whitehall, for Edinburgh. to open the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

From the St. James's Evening-Post, April 15.

London, April 15. The *Neptune*, a 2d Rate of 90 Guns, and the *Ronclagh*, a 3d Rate of 80 Guns, are now rebuilding at Woolwich; and a 3d Rate of the same Force is building there, in lieu of the *Somerset*, which is now made use of as a Hulk. The *Didmond*, a 5th Rate of 40 Guns, is repairing with the utmost Expedition; and the *Newcastle*, a 5th Rate of 50 Guns, and the *Folkstone* and the *Roeback*, two 5th Rates of 40 Guns, are also going to be rebuilt there.

The Rt. Honourable David Areskine, Earl of Buchan and Baron Cardross, one of the Commissioners of Trade in Scotland, and Lord Lieutenant of the Shires of Stirling and Clackmannan, is appointed his Majesty's High Commissioner to the Church of Scotland; and his Lordship will in a Day or two set out for Edinburgh accordingly.

Edinburgh, April 21. Several People have been impress'd since our last by the Officers of the *Spy* Man of War, particularly of the Inhabitants of Kinghorn, Burntisland and Newhaven; and some have been carried off from the Passage-boats.

Two Ships with Recruits for the Scots Regiments in the Dutch Service, sailed out of the Firth on Friday last.

Tomorrow the Rt. Honourable my Lord Justice Clerk and the Lord Polton, set out for the Northern Circuit; and will be at Inverness the 1st May, at Aberdeen the 10th, and at Perth the 20th. The Lords Royston and Newhall set out some time this Week, and are to be at Dumfries May 1st, and at Jedburgh the 10th. This Week also the Lords Dnn and Milton go for the West, and are to be at Glasgow May 1st, and at Stirling the 10th.

ADVERTISEMENT S.

That there is to be set or sold in the Town of KINGHORN a convenient HOUSE, consisting of Four Fire-Rooms well finished, Two large Garrets, Two Cellars, a Brewhouse and Kitchen; as also, a large Yard, planted with Fruit-Trees of different Kinds, well fenced, and the Walls planted with the best Kinds of Fruit-Trees, together with a large Malt-Barn, Pigeon-house, Peat-house, Malt-Kiln, and a Grass-yard belonging to the same. Any Person that has a mind for the same, may call for Alexander Shank in Kinghorn, the Proprietor; or at Mr. Wardlaw of Abden, at his House near Kinghorn, who will inform them of the Conditions of the Tack or Sale. They may enter to it at Whit Sunday next.



*** That by Order of the Trustees for the Creditors of William Douglas of Glenbervy, Robert Douglas of Scotland, and others, upon Tuesday the Tenth Day of June next, within the House of Mrs. THOM Vintner in Edinburgh, betwixt the Hours of Three and Five in the Afternoon, There is to be exposed to Sale, by way of voluntary Roup, the Lands and Estate of SCOTSCRAIG, holding Feu of the Crown, lying within the Parish of Ferry Pastoncrraig, and Sheriffdom of Fife, extending of yearly free Rent to 8 Bolls Wheat, 237 Bolls, 2 Firloths Bear, 37 Bolls Pease, 115 Bolls Oats, 10 Bolls Rye, and L. 1311 lb. 14. d. 4. of Money, besides 17 Dozen and a half Poultry, Fowls, and Muffel-scap and Pidgeon-house, and a great many Services and Carriages not rentalled, and having a good convenient well furnished dwelling-house, consisting of 14 Fire Rooms, besides Closets, Cellars, and Woman-house, Stables and other Office-houses of all kinds; a large Orchard and Kitchen Garden, and Bowling green inclosed with very high Walls, and all the Tenants Houses in exceeding good Repair. There is likewise at the same Time and Place to be exposed to Sale the Lands and Barony of Foody and Fingask, holding Feu of the Crown, lying within the Parish of Dairsy, and Sheriffdom of Fife, extending of yearly free Rent to 20 Bolls, 2 Firloths Wheat, 97 Bolls, 2 Firloths Bear, 111 Bolls Oats, and L. 633 lb. 6. d. 2. of Money, besides 12 Capons, 160 Hem, 73 Carriages of Coals, and 32 Threaves Oat Straw not rentalled, and having a very convenient dwelling-house well repaired, a Pidgeon-house and three Inclosures. The Rentals, Progress, and Conditions of Sale are to be seen in the Hands of William Forbes, Writer to the Signet, at his Chamber in the Parliament Close.

N. B. The above Lands were formerly advertised to be sold; but the Day of the Roup was prorogued by Order of the Trustees.

¶ There is a convenient LODGING or DWELLING HOUSE at Restalrig; consisting of ten Fire-rooms, Garrets, Cellars, &c. with Brewhouse, Coach-house, Stables and Garden, now possess'd by Mr. Broughton: To be lette at Whitfunday next, for One or more Years. Enquire at CHARLES ALLAN Surgeon at the Laigh Coffe-house, or at his House in Monteith's Close, who will set the same.

¶ That the Second Story of TRAIL'S LAND, lying on the Shore of Leith, with the Cellars and Garret belonging thereto, which pertained to Richard Murray Merchant in Edinburgh, as presently possess'd by John Fenton Vintner in Leith, is either to be set in Taek for a Year, commencing from Whitfunday next, or sold irredeemably by way of publick Roup, within John's Coffee-house in Edinburgh, upon Tuesday the 29th Day of April Instant, betwixt the Hours of Two and Four in the Afternoon, by the Trustees for the Creditors of the said Richard Murray. The Progress of Writs, and Conditions of Roup, are to be seen in the Hands of Charles Farquharson Writer to the Signet, at his Chamber in the 4th Story of Gavindoch's Land in the Lawn Market.

¶ That the Gentlemens Subscription Plate of Twenty five GUINEAS Value, is to be run for at Dumfries, upon Tuesday the 27th of May next, by any Horse, Mare

or Gelding carrying Ten Stone English, Bridle and Saddle included, running three Heats about four Miles each Heat: The Horses that run, to be kept ten Days in the Town of Dumfries before the foresaid Day of running, and to be entred five Days before that Day, and to pay two Guineas of Input-money; no fewer than three Horses are to run; and that the Input-money is to be run for on the Thursday following, by Gallows not exceeding fourteen Hands high, carrying Eight Stone, allowing Weight for Inches; which Gallows are to be entred the Day before running, and to be kept in Town at least four Days before. The Articles and Regulations are to be seen at the Town-clerk's Office in Dumfries.

** There is to be sold by way of Roup at Melvil-House, upon Tuesday the 29th Current, at 10 of the Clock in the Forenoon, the HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE of the said House of Melvil, lately pertaining to the Right Honourable David Earl of Leven decess'd.

¶ That the BLEACHING COMPANY at Dalguburn near Dumbarton, have begun to lay down Cloth for this Season's Bleaching; and as they have brought their Undertaking a greater length than last Year, and as they have the whole Season before them, they are in hopes to give the Country more Satisfaction than hitherto they have been able to do, occasioned by the many Disappointments that have hitherto retarded their Business; And to prevent any body's being disappointed of having their Cloth return'd to them this Season, the Company are determined to take in only a small Quantity of Cloth. The Cloth is to be taken in, at Edinburgh, by James Maghie Merchant, at his Shop Head of the West Bow; and at Glasgow, by Laurence Sigs Merchant there, at his Shop in the Trongate. The Price of Bleaching for this Season, to be Sixpence per Yard for all Cloth Yard-broad, of the Value of Three Shillings or above, when whitened; and all Cloth Yard-broad, below the foresaid Value, to pay Fivepence per Yard; All other Cloth to pay a proportionable Part of the foresaid Rates, according to the Breadth and Fineness. The Cloth will be Returned, when whitened, at the same Places where it was given in. The Hours for taking in and delivering out the Cloth, to be from 10 to 12 in the Forenoon, and from 2 to 4 in the Afternoon, every lawful Day. No Piece of Cloth above 50 Yards in length nor under 20, will be taken in: And 'tis desired that every Piece be distinctly marked with the Proprietor's Name at length, stitch'd in the Cloth with Linen Thread, and not with Silk.

Immediately to be Set or Sold,

A LODGING at Inveresk, Yard, Orchard, and Ten Acres of Land inclos'd with a Stone and Lime Wall, presently possess'd by the Relict of General Maitland. The House (being three Storeys) has 17 Fire-rooms, 10 Closets, 4 Garrets and Pantries, a Pump-well at the House; with Brewhouse, Stables, Lofts, Work-house, and all other necessary Office-houses. There is in the Park a Well and Pond, a Stable, Byre and Hay-loft; all very convenient for one or more Families. Inquire at Mr. Archibald Mac-Jachlan Merchant in Edinburgh, at his House in Fowls's Close, near the Fountain-well, at the Shop of Messrs. Hamilton and Maitland, near the Cross, or at that of Mr. Alexander Symmer in Parliament-close.

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